

# Exhibit A



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July 28, 2020

The Honorable Nelson S. Román  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
The Hon. Charles L. Brieant Jr.  
Federal Building and United States Courthouse  
300 Quarropas St.  
White Plains, NY 10601-4150

**RE: United States v. Chukwuemeka Okparaek**  
Chukwuemeka Okparaek, Register Number 78867-054  
Docket No. 17-CR-225 (NSR)

Dear Judge Román:

I write in response to this Court's July 23, 2020 Order regarding Chukwuemeka Okparaek, Federal Register Number 78867-054, a federal inmate currently detained at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York ("MDC Brooklyn"). Specifically, on July 23, 2020, this Court directed MDC Brooklyn to permit Mr. Okparaek to communicate with his legal advisors Margaret M. Shalley, Esq., and Michael David Bradley, Esq., for at least one (1) hour via telephonic or video conference. In accordance with the Court's order, please be advised of the following.

Mr. Okparaek has a one hour call scheduled for tomorrow, July 29, 2020, with Margaret M. Shalley, Esq. In accordance with the Court's Order, as well as the legal call protocols established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Defenders of New York have been apprised of the need to schedule Mr. Okparaek's future calls with his legal advisors for one hour.

I trust this letter has been responsive to this Court's Order. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

/s/

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